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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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It has been two years! Being back at the floating platform felt surreal. The energy from the crowd, the singing from our hearts, the powerful display of unity all through the National Education (NE) Show overwhelmed my heart and spirit with pride and joy!

Besides the performances, marching of the uniformed groups and the planes flying up above, the dazzling fireworks lighting up the night sky were beyond beautiful. It was not a mere spectacular performance; it was the evidence and outcome of a battle that the nation had joined hearts and hands to fight against, and we are rising above it, from strength to strength.

If we take a look around the world, we see many countries in political distress; some still battling with lockdown due to the virus while others are at war with innocent citizens losing their lives daily.

We therefore cannot take for granted the peace and security that our homeland, Singapore, has blessed us with. Celebrating National Day is not just a one-day affair. It is in fact a day for us to remember why we must do our part to safeguard the relationships we have with one another; the role we play as a citizen, be it as a child or an adult. Leveraging on our individual strengths, fulfilling our roles collectively, we can continue to build this nation, strong and free.

Beyond that, in Marymount, we have always been teaching you dear girls, that each of us is blessed to be a blessing. With what we have been given, how are we preparing ourselves to make a difference?

For the future to become reality, we must start now. Learning well, growing your strengths and talents, with the desire to contribute in areas of your passion in the future; it all starts now. With the celebration of your strengths and talents at the National School Games, the Arts Festival and the

wonderful reports from various competitions on Science, Mathematics and the languages, I can see that you are working zealously to realise your potential. Remember to proactively look around you and observe. Ask yourself what are the needs that you can see? What can you do about it, with your given strengths and talents?

Because as a nation, our local scientists have been working hard and keeping in step with research; our healthcare workers have been working round the clock to operate at a high level of professionalism and effectiveness; various frontline personnel have been working hard to reach out to those who needed more help and teachers are taking charge of technology to ensure learning goes on. All of these have demonstrated to us how our overall system is in a position, ready to meet these challenges which have been mercilessly thrown at us.

Likewise, you must prepare now, to meet the future, with effectiveness and confidence. And I know you can and will. You have always been teachable, willing to learn and have a heart to contribute and help. We just have to keep on going on!

Have a fruitful September holiday as you take the time to read, rest and bond with your loved ones!



When my Drama Club CCA teacher informed my friends and me that we would be performing a live play for our annual Arts Festival, we were enthusiastic about it.

During our CCA sessions, we discussed with our group members on an occupation that we would like to act out in our performance. My group chose the seamstress. We had to memorise a poem and think of actions relevant to it. We also had to decide who reads which lines. Our teacher tasked every group to perform for the rest of

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the club and we helped one another by giving feedback. Although my confidence grew after several practices, I was still worried that I would not be able to perform as well as my friends.

In a blink of an eye, it was 22nd July 2022, the day that the Arts Festival was held. I was so excited the night before that I could not sleep. In the morning, I had ants in my pants. Time seemed to pass by very slowly. After what seemed like an eternity, it was time for lunch. After lunch, my stomach felt uncomfortable. It must be the anxiety I thought. As I walked to a nearby dustbin to throw away some rubbish, I felt a sudden wave of discomfort in my stomach and I vomited in the dustbin and on my hands! I ran to the canteen toilet as fast as my legs could carry me to wash my hands. When I reached the toilet, I threw up again! At that moment, I had to make a decision as to whether I was well enough to perform for the Arts Festival. I decided that I should rest and wait to see how I would feel in an hour's time. As the clock ticked by, I started to feel better. I knew that this was a golden opportunity for me to perform and I might never have another chance like this. I relaxed my nerves and got ready as planned.

In the computer laboratory, teachers and parent volunteers helped us to tie our sarongs, put our makeup on for us, and tied our hair. Finally, they brought us to the hall and we proceeded backstage as fast as possible. There, we continued to practise. I had butterflies in my stomach. After a while, it was time to perform. I took

a deep breath and walked to my starting position on stage. After the opening poem, it was my group's turn to present our part. We stood in the middle of the stage and performed. After our performance, we sat at the side of the stage and watched the other groups perform. After every group had performed their segment, we walked to our starting position before taking a bow and leaving the stage to return to the computer laboratory. Our CCA teachers and coach praised us for a job well done. We were all given buns and Milo drinks while we waited to be called back to the hall for the finale.

At last, it was time for us to return to the hall for the finale. We stood at the side of the hall behind the Dance Club girls and we danced our hearts away. Finally, the Arts Festival had come to an end.

It was such a memorable day for me and I learnt that if you are zealous and persevere, nothing can stop you from achieving great things.



Grace Lo Kai Ern
4 Perseverance



First NE Show Since Covid-19 Started!

It was the 16th of July, and all of us P5s were gathered at the school hall at 2.15 p.m. What were we doing over there on a Saturday afternoon? Well, we were gathering to go for the National Education (NE) Show. We were the first batch of P5s to be able to go for the show since the COVID-19 pandemic hit our shores and we were all extremely excited. After about one and a half hours, we boarded the bus to the Floating Platform!

When we arrived, we hurriedly sat down at our seats and ate our dinner. While we tucked into our dinner, the motivators started giving out balloons. Actually, by "giving out", I mean the motivators threw the balloons at us. Then, at around 5.30 p.m., the parade started. It was scorching hot, but we enjoyed ourselves very much. First, it was the singing of some national day songs. Then, the much-awaited Total Defence Display began. It included a bus hostage, vehicle fire, gas leak and of course, the march-past. Many people took out their phones and took videos of the display. There was also a short band performance. Even some school bands joined the performance online. They formed some iconic landmarks of Singapore.

As the sun gradually set, the fun began. Motivators urged us to wave our National Flags and mobile phones with the torchlight on. Cardboard houses lined the stage, and dancers began to move among the houses. They danced to the beat with some popular songs while some singers started singing traditional songs like Munnaeru Vaalibaa and Di Tanjong Katong. A choir also sang a beautiful medley of some National Day songs. As some performances went on, the sky lit up with beautiful fireworks.



As we were singing the National Anthem, the sky once again erupted with bursts of colour. Soon, we had to leave. Although extremely tired, we were all smiling as we got onto the bus. It was a night many would not forget, a once-in-a-lifetime experience.



Koh Sumi Amelie
5 Compassion



SHOW

Have you ever wondered why our parents enrolled us in Marymount Convent School? Is it because it is a Catholic school? I have and I think it is because of the Catholic ethos. In a Catholic school, we can grow in our Faith. We can learn more about being a Catholic. It also helps us to learn right from Primary 1 itself to set aside time to pray and to dedicate time for God. Be it the mid-day prayers, the hymns we sing during Morning Assembly or the masses we celebrate.

When I first joined Marymount Convent School, I realised how blessed I was and how I had benefitted by being able to be taught about prayers, values and about God. Every day during Sacred Time, we are often told about a parable or a passage from the Bible. We are also given 1-2 minutes to reflect on what we have just been told. The value that the story depicts motivates me and encourages me to do my best. I also try to reflect on the passage.

Whenever there are special occasions, such as Foundress Day or National Day, we are given the chance to take part in the mass. For this year's National Day Mass, some fellow Primary 5s and I were given the opportunity to help with the Reading and Psalms.

Our school holds unique events like Non-Teaching Staff Appreciation Day to coincide with St Mary Euphrasia's birthday, and uses this very special day to teach us compassion and gratitude - values which St Mary Euphrasia strongly advocates. On this day, we make beautiful cards and posters for all non-teaching staff in



Being in a Catholic School...



appreciation of all the hard work they do daily to ensure that we have a safe, clean and wonderful environment to study in.

I think that these are great opportunities that help all of us. Even the non-Catholics are given the chance to set aside some time amidst their busy schedules for some reflection during their weekly Values Education lessons. In Marymount Convent School, we are given many opportunities that we should not take for granted. Instead, we should show our gratitude for things around us, and embrace them. I will end off with a quote from Saint Mary Euphrasia, "Gratitude is the memory of the heart."

Gracias Kaitlyn Lourdes
5 Compassion



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~ St Mary Euphrasia



Refleksi Dwiminggu 2022

Program Dwiminggu 2022 bermula dari 12 Julai dan berlansung sehingga 25 Julai 2022. Saya dan rakan-rakan sedarjah sangat mengaluakan

program tersebut yang diadakan setahun sekali pada penggal ketiga.

Saya dan rakan-rakan yang lain diberi peluang untuk mengikuti aktiviti lukisan batik dan menyertai Kuiz Cepat Tepat pada tahun ini.

Lukisan batik sangat menyeronokkan kerana lukisan batik yang dihasilkan sangat cantik. Melalui kaedah "Zoom", seorang pakar lukisan batik mengajar kami teknik-teknik melukis dengan menggunakan cat-cat air yang berwarna-warni. Walaupun saya melakukan beberapa kesilapan semasa melukis batik, saya tidak berputus asa dan terus mencuba. Apa yang menarik perhatian hati saya ialah, jika tumpuan sepenuhnya diberi kepada lukisan batik, hasil yang didapati sangat berbaloi dan menarik.

Aktiviti kedua, Kuiz Cepat Tepat memang sangat mencabar bagi saya. Saya baru sedar yang pengetahuan saya tentang budaya dan bahasa Melayu sangat cetek! Namun, saya tidak akan berputus asa tetapi cuba dan terus mencuba sehingga berjaya.

Walaupun bagaimanapun, saya berasa seronok dengan aktiviti-aktiviti yang diadakan sempena Dwiminggu Bahasa di sekolah saya. Program tersebut menyedarkan kami agar lebih peka akan budaya dan bahasa kita sendiri. Kalau kita tidak berbangga dengan budaya dan bahasa sendiri, siapa lagi?



Nadine Arfah Syauqina
5 Zeal



母语双周

一年一度的母语双周又来临了。今年，我们五年级进行了有趣的活动——创意完成文章以及画脸谱。

这次的创意完成文章提供了开头，让同学们发挥自己的想象力完成文章。当我一开始看着文章开头时，觉得这真是一大挑战，心想：该怎么连接上文来完成这篇文章呢？经过一番思考后，我写了一个关于来自BWR245星球的外星人邻居在地球上发生的趣事。虽然这项创意写作的难度较高，但我还能运用平时所学的写作技巧，再结合自己的想象力，完成了文章。

此外，我也有机会动手画脸谱。指导老师向我们介绍脸谱的由来和画脸谱的技巧。我这才知道原来脸谱是传统戏曲演员们脸上的造型。我根据老师的指示，一步一步地在白色的面具上画脸谱、上色。最后，一个精致的脸谱终于完成了！

母语双周活动让我更进一步了解华族文化，我希望明年可以继续参加这样有意义的活动。



闫浚淇 Yan JunQi Annie
五正直 5 Integrity



Mother Tongue Fortnight

தாய்மொழி வாரம் - கலையும் பண்பாடும்!

சென்ற வாரம், நமது பள்ளி, மேரிமவுண்ட் கான்வெண்ட் பள்ளியில், தாய்மொழி வாரம் நடைபெற்றது. அதைப் பற்றி நான் பகிர்ந்துக்கொள்ள போகிறேன். எனக்கு கைவினைப் பொருள் செய்ய பிடிக்கும். அதனால், எனக்கு கதக்களி முகமூடியை உருவாக்க பிடித்திருந்தது. நான் ஒரு கதக்களி முகத்தை வரைந்து அதில் வண்ணம் தீட்டினேன். என்னுடைய முகமூடி மிகவும் அழகாக இருந்தது. மேலும் கதக்களி எனக்குத் தெரியாத பல விஷயங்களைக் கற்றுக் கொடுத்தது. அது மிகவும் சுவாரச்யமாக இருந்தது. இந்த நடவடிக்கையை வெளியிலிருந்து ஒரு ஆசிரியர் மெய்ந்நிகர்வழியாகக் கதக்களியை எப்படி அலங்கரிப்பது என்று எங்களுக்குக் கற்றுக்கொடுத்தார். நான் வீட்டிற்குச் சென்றதும், எனது பெற்றோரிடம் தகவலைப் பகிர்ந்து கொண்டேன். என் பெற்றோருக்கு ஆர்வம் தோன்றி மேலும் அறிய விரும்பினார்கள். நானும் எனது பெற்றோரும் கதக்களி பற்றி அறிந்து குடும்பத்தினரிடமும் நண்பர்களிடமும் பகிர்ந்து கொண்டோம்!

அதுமட்டுமல்லாமல் நமது தமிழ் மாணவர்களுக்காக ஒரு சிறப்பான நாடக போட்டி நடத்தப்பட்டது. மாணவர்கள் குழுக்களாக தங்கள் நாடகங்களை மேடையேற்றினர். நானும் என் நண்பர்களும் நாடகம் நடத்தோம். எங்கள் நாடகம் பொறுப்பு மற்றும் ஒருமைப்பாடு பற்றியதாகும். எங்கள் நண்பர்களைச் சிரிக்க வைக்க சில வேடிக்கையானப் பகுதிகளையும் சேர்த்துள்ளோம். அதை வேடிக்கையாகச் செய்ய வேண்டும் என்று உறுதி செய்தோம். நான் இப்போது வகுப்பு முன் நடிக்க முடியும் என்ற நம்பிக்கையுடன் இருக்கிறேன். இது போன்ற விஷயங்களைச் செய்ய முடிந்ததற்கு நான் மிகவும் அதிர்ஷ்டசாலி! அடுத்த தாய்மொழி வாரத்திற்காக எதிர்பார்க்கிறேன். இது போன்ற நடவடிக்கைகளை மேலும் செய்ய விரும்புகிறேன்.



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